BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2009-417-C - ORDER NO. 2009-866

DECEMBER 15, 2009

IN RE:	Joint Application of CIMCO)	ORDER APPROVING
	Communications, Incorporated and Comcast)	TRANSFER OF ASSETS
	Phone of South Carolina, Incorporated for)	AND CUSTOMER BASE
	Approval of the Transfer of Assets and)	
	Customer Base)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Joint Application of CIMCO Communications, Incorporated ("CIMCO") and Comcast Phone of South Carolina, Incorporated ("Comcast") for Approval of the Transfer of Assets and Customer Base. CIMCO and Comcast entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement on or about September 16, 2009 in which they agreed that Comcast would acquire the assets and customer accounts (including related data, databases, contracts, and customer records needed to support the provision of telecommunications services to those customers) of CIMCO in the state of South Carolina. Approximately five business customers of CIMCO will be affected by the transaction. There are no affected residential customers. According to the Application, the transaction will cause no immediate changes in customers' terms, conditions, and rates for service.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, the Joint Applicants published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the

affected areas. The Joint Applicants furnished proof of publication. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed.

The Joint Applicants have further requested expedited review of the application to facilitate the completion of the transaction, and have also requested that the Commission grant a waiver of any applicable anti-slamming regulations or Commission orders which might otherwise impede the transaction. The parties have represented to the Commission that they will provide written notice to all affected customers by First Class Mail at least 30 days prior to the closing date of the transaction pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the FCC's rules. In the Application, CIMCO further requests that upon completion of the requested transfer, the Commission cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, which was granted by Order No. 97-1004 in Docket No. 97-252-C.

The verified testimony of Beth Choroser, the Executive Director of Regulatory Compliance for Comcast, indicates that the proposed transaction would be in the public interest, inasmuch as it would facilitate the continuation of service for the affected customers without interruption under the same rates, terms and conditions as before, and that the transaction will be seamless and transparent for the affected customers.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has reviewed the Joint Application and other materials in this Docket, and has no objection to the transfer.

We have examined the entire record of this case and we conclude that the Joint Application should be granted as filed and that the asset transfer should be approved as proposed. Accordingly, the Joint Application is approved.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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